

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1101

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Clark, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is James Clark, who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, James Clark was born in January 1953 to Charlie L. Clark and Ella B. Guinn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark graduated from Carver High School in 1971 and then studied sales and marketing at Memphis State University, now known as the University of Memphis; he also studied cosmetology and small engine mechanics at the Memphis Area Vocational School and real estate at Shelby State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark launched Eel Etc. Fashions in November 1983, directly across the street from where his parents first met at the New Daisy Theater; Eel Etc. Fashions takes pride in being the longest-standing continuous business establishment on the historic Beale Street; and

WHEREAS, Eel Etc. Accessories opened in 1992 in the Benchmark Hotel; the name was later changed to the Memphis Gift Shop, and it existed for twenty years until the hotel's demolition; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Clark has been a member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife of sixteen years, Doris; his two children, Shantel Clark and the late Justin L. Clark; and his grandson, Jalen L. Clark; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, James Clark has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate James Clark upon his recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.